

"Both in Government and Irish Circles the Feeling is Expressed That Only a Miracle Can Avert the Collapse of Negotiations and a Renewal of Warfare—Cabinet Council Sidetracks German Reparations to Permit Meeting to Deal With Irish Affairs—De Velera, Speaking at Ennis Ireland, Said: "We Have Gone as Far as We Can Go"

London, Nov. 30.—(By The A. P.)—All government business is giving way to the gravity of the Irish situation. Both government and Irish circles express the feeling that only a miracle can avert the collapse of the conference and a renewal of warfare.

A cabinet council tonight to consider German reparations has been postponed in order to permit the special cabinet committee dealing with Irish affairs to hold a sitting.

Lord Birkenhead, due to speak at a political meeting in Liverpool, was obliged to stay in London. He sent a message of apology explaining that his absence was owing to "grave public affairs."

President Lloyd George also wired to the meeting, explaining that his absence was owing to "grave public affairs."

A spokesman of the Sinn Féin declared this afternoon that there was no intention on the part of the Sinn Féin to alter its attitude regarding either the unity of Ireland or allegiance to the crown. Representatives of the Sinn Féin took pains to deny formally the statement of a London paper that, first, the Sinn Féin had consented to agree to a plan whereby Ireland could contract with an all-Ireland government, retaining her existing rights until, second, to form an all-Ireland government, and, third, to form an all-Ireland government, and, third, to form an all-Ireland government.

Regarding the suggestion that the government will propose a new scheme to "divide" the island, a spokesman of the Sinn Féin declared that they were not concerned with such a move, but were concerned with the question of the government's responsibility for the situation.

There was another reason this afternoon for the postponement of the cabinet council. It was stated that the Sinn Féin had been asked to consider a plan for the division of the island, and that they had refused to do so.

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"Bluebeard" Landru To Be Guillotined

Sentence Followed Corollary For Murder in the East

Paris, Nov. 30.—(By The A. P.)—Henri Landru, who has been on trial for more than three weeks in the Assises court here, charged with the murder of ten women and a boy, was found guilty of murder in the first degree tonight. Landru was sentenced to die by the guillotine.

To all the forty-eight questions which the court submitted to the jury on the questions of the guilt, innocence or mental capacity of the prisoner, there was a verdict of guilty of premeditated murder. No extenuating circumstances were included in the verdict.

Landru had borne himself throughout the lengthy trial without showing the slightest weakness, and he heard the sentence of death imposed upon him without emotion.

The jury required three hours, including a brief respite for dinner, to prepare their replies to the questions submitted to it.

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BRIEF TELEGRAMS

destroyed thirty homes in Montreal. Many families are homeless.

dispatch from Sydney, Australia, says that bush fires have broken out in the wheat belt.

Walter H. Weston, former president of Smith & Wesson, pistol manufacturers, died in Springfield, Mass., aged 71.

Italian destroyer Centauro is reported lost in storm in the Mediterranean Sea, off the port of Adalia.

America's Legion office announced that ship's food for West Point on Dec. 10.

Approximately 2,000,000 pounds of copper will be shipped to Germany shortly.

Farmers' State Bank of Shpeshawa, Ind., was robbed of between \$12,000 and \$15,000 in currency and Liberty bonds.

Twelve French, Italian and Belgian six-day bicycle riders arrived at New York on the La Touraine.

Gold amounting to \$5,000,000 was brought to this country by the La Touraine.

The Island corporation of Portchester, town of Greenwich, has organized with a capital of \$35,000.

Sentence of 2-1/2 years, as of Nov. 23 ship's food for West Point on Dec. 10.

Workmen are digging out portions of a passenger train buried under tons of snow at North Union on the Pennsylvania railroad.

Congressman Hamilton Fish of New York, was operated on in Washington. It was said he will probably be in the hospital three weeks.

Six hundred American soldiers, of the army of occupation embarked at Antwerp on the United States transport Canby.

According to report received in Honolulu Prince Hirohito of Japan said: "Japan must improve her foreign relations."

Interstate Commerce Commission announced the railroad will be given Dec. 14 to 21 to justify in hearings the present level of transportation charges.

The Douglas club of Hartford has formed an association to promote the social, moral and intellectual welfare of its members.

A Greek cruiser intercepted an Italian steamer off the Ionian Islands, bound for Asia Minor with munitions on board alleged to be intended for the Turkish national army.

A. A. Alechin, the Russian chess expert of Berlin, has challenged Jose R. Capablanca of Havana, the world's champion for a series of games for the title.

Fragments of two fossil trees discovered in the Devonian rocks at Gilboa, N. Y., have been presented to the Harvard Geological museum by Hugh Nawn of Boston.

Seven Chinese were arrested in Boston on suspicion of being in this country unlawfully. They were discovered by a police officer near a steamship dock in the Charlestown district.

Three children of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Harding were killed in the destruction of the family cottage at North Beverly, Mass.

American Legion posts throughout Massachusetts were asked by State Commander James T. Duane to participate in a parade in Boston on Dec. 8 in honor of General Armando Diaz.

The national conference on unemployment has been instrumental in putting forward 1,500,000 and 2,000,000 mile man and woman back to work, Secretary of Commerce Hoover believes.

State department was advised by the American consul at Bombay that William French Doherty, American citizen and engineer, was killed in the rioting in Nov. 19.

The first of the big government vocational training centers will open Dec. 2, when former service men will begin their instruction at Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio. Director Charles R. Forbes, of the Veterans' Bureau, announced.

Governor McCray, of Indiana, urged extension of \$20,000,000 credits by the war finance corporation in the ten principal cotton-growing states in the Middle West in order to market this year's big corn crop.

The large Atlantic anchored off Savannah, N. J., is being pounded to pieces by waves created by a gale blowing inshore. Three men were taken off the barge by the coastguard cutters Monmouth and Takanawase.

The Premier Brush company of Hartford has organized with a capital of \$2,000. The subscribers to the stock are Morris B. Hoff, 112 shares; Frederick Joseph, 18, and George Hoff and Mary L. Hoff, 12 each.

Four Killed in Army Plane Combat Drill

Two Airplanes Collided While at an Altitude of 2,000 Feet at Fort Sill, Okla.

Lawton, Okla., Nov. 30.—Four army aviators, two officers and two privates, were killed today when two airplanes in which they were performing combat duty collided while at an altitude of 2,000 feet, and crashed to earth near Fort Field, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. The dead:

Captain Loomis, Lieutenant A. T. Lanfall, Private Tabbarth, Private R. A. Smith.

As the airplanes struck the earth, their gasoline tanks exploded, enveloping the wreckage in flames. Attendants were unable to reach the bodies of the men until they had been cleared beyond recognition.

According to officers, the two machines had been in the air for some time when they attempted to execute a difficult maneuver. As they swooped toward each other their wings met and both airplanes fell to earth in a holocaust.

Hundreds of persons who hurried to the scene were forced to stand by helplessly while the wreckage burned.

INCOMPETENCY HEARING FOR STONINGTON PHILANTHROPIST

New York, Nov. 30.—Supreme Court Justice Guy today named Thomas F. Keough, an attorney, as referee to take testimony as to the alleged incompetency of Charles N. Wayland, Stonington, Conn., philanthropist.

Mr. Wayland, 85, was committed to Bellevue hospital for observation a week ago, on application of his son, John E. Wayland of this city, who alleged the philanthropist was incompetent to manage his own affairs.

The hearing was held before a jury of two doctors that he appeared incompetent. Justice Guy ordered the referee to report on the matter.

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DEVELOPING SOLUTION OF THE SHANTUNG CONVERS

Japan and China Have Accepted an Offer by the United States and Great Britain to Assume the Role of Friendly Advisors—Secretary Hughes and Arthur J. Balfour Will Meet Today With the Japanese and Chinese to Lay the Basis for the Negotiations—Japan Has Declared Its Attitude in Regard to Foreign Garrisons in China—Chinese Delegates Are Striving for the Unconditional Withdrawal of the Japanese Claims in Shantung.

Washington, Nov. 30.—(By The A. P.)—Bringing to a close of the sharpest issues of world diplomacy, the celebrated Shantung controversy took its place today at the arms conference.

The result was an offer by the United States and Great Britain, accepted promptly by Japan and China, to assume the role of friendly advisors in a new attempt to solve the problem and end the long and bitter debate that has swept over three continents.

The plan for an exercise of American and British "good offices" is understood to have originated with the American delegation after it became apparent that China had resolved to raise the question in the conference proper.

Secretary Hughes and Arthur J. Balfour, as respective heads of the American and British groups, will meet tomorrow with the Japanese and Chinese to lay the basis for the negotiations.

The view of the first meeting, the Chinese delegates announced tonight they would go into the discussions prepared to accept nothing less than unconditional withdrawal of the Japanese claims in Shantung. The attitude of Japan was not set forth explicitly, but it was assumed the Japanese spokesmen would contend for the reservations insisted on in the recent diplomatic exchange between Tokyo and Peking.

The advent of the Shantung question at the council table followed on the heels of the conference proper.

Washington, Nov. 30.—Progress toward normal conditions throughout the country has been continuous during November despite a relative "slowing down" as compared with the previous two months, the federal reserve board said tonight in its monthly business and financial review.

"On the whole," the board said, "the best opinion now looks to a steady, even if locally interrupted, progress back to normal conditions in some of the chief manufacturing sections. Recovery in the steel and iron trade has halted for the time being."

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However, reduction in the price of cereals and of the failure of cotton to maintain as high a level as expected have proved a serious handicap to the farming interests, the board said, which has resulted in a lessening of demand for consumable goods in farming communities and a tendency to check somewhat the process of liquidating loans at banks. Nevertheless, retail business continues to improve, taking the country as a whole. Prices continue to maintain a substantially stable position, while unemployment has at least slightly decreased.

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